PSSA–M Webinar

11/18/10

PSSA-M available for:

Math 4-8 & 11

Reading 4-8 & 11

Science 8 & 11

They do not plan to develop a Modified Writing assessment. Not available for 3rd grade.

2% Approximately – NWE 3 NWMS 8 NWHS 3 SPG 2

March 14-25th Math and Reading

April 4-8th Science

* Two separate sessions
* Recommended to be administered in a separate setting
* Separate booklet for each subject
* Student records answer directly in test – no separate answer sheet
* All accommodations are available for PSSA are also available for PSSA-M

The “M” has approximately half the number than the original test.

30 MC

2 OE (2 points each)

38 total points for math test

Eligibility Guidelines: (Linda Lupp) Bureau of Special Ed.

(ASIST) PDE website

Annual decision

1. Ineligible for PASA
2. Must have a grade level standards aligned IEP that documents that the student requires significant instructional accommodations and/or modifications and /or modifications to successfully access grade level content.
3. Students considered for PSSA-M have persistent academic difficulty despite having received intensive research based intervention.
4. The student has scored significantly low on multiple measures (below basic) – they can qualify for science- M if they qualify for either math-M or reading-M.

* Can a student who scores basic participate in PSSA-M? Yes
* PSSA-M is not for IEP student scoring Proficient or Advanced on PSSA in the previous year.
* If a student was proficient on PSSA-M can they take it on 2011 – yes! Participation is an annual decision and should be based on all criteria and potential evidence.
* PSSA-M will be included in AYP calculations.